

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 22-24 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 19-21 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 19 and claim 11 has been amended to substantially include the subject matter of claim 21.

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shih et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,674,923, hereinafter “Shih”). Claims 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shih in view of Nelson *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,431,448, hereinafter “Nelson”). Claims 9, 10, 13 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shih in view of Bryniarski *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,215,559, hereinafter “Bryniarski”). Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shih and further in view of prior art. Claims 16-21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shih and further in view of Kodaira *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,868,183, hereinafter “Kodaira”). Applicant submits the following in traversal of the claim rejections.

Rejection of Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15 and 24 under § 102(e) by Shih

Rejection of Claim 19 under § 103(a) over Shih and further in view of Kodaira

Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable because Kodaira fails to disclose or suggest a printing system wherein the image reproduction section forms the image based on image data corresponding to the image read by the image reading section only if the image data corresponding to the image information is not available from the image server. Although the Examiner points out ST207 in Fig. 7, ST207 merely discloses the correction of image data based

on the determined document type. In other words, there is nothing in Kodaira which suggests the availability of image data; since Kodaira is merely interested in determining the document *type*.

Further, one skilled in the art would not be motivated to combine the teachings of Shih and Kodaira, when Kodaira is considered in its entirety for what it teaches to one skilled in the art. Unlike Shih, the determining of document type is used for image correction in Kodaira, *not* for an image reproduction section, as claimed.

Claims 2-4, 7, 8 and 24, which ultimately depend from claim 1, are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

In addition, claim 24 is patentable because Shih fails to disclose an encode section as claimed. In the Office Action, the Examiner points out sections of Shih, col. 8, line 53 and col. 10, lines 9-14, which relate to the *identifying the URL in the barcode*, i.e., generating the URL from the barcode. There is nothing in Shih which relates to the generation of the barcode from the URL. Therefore, claim 24 is patentable.

Claim 11 is patentable for reasons similar to those submitted for claim 1. Claims 12 and 15, which depend from claim 11, are patentable at least for the reasons submitted for claim 11.

Rejection of Claims 5 and 6 under § 103(a) over Shih in view of Nelson

Claims 5 and 6, which depend from claim 1, are patentable for at least the deficiencies of Shih and Kodaira submitted for claim 1 and the failure of Nelson to make up for the deficiencies of Shih and Kodaira.

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Rejection of Claims 9, 10, 13 and 14 under § 103(a) over Shih in view of Bryniarski

Claims 9, 10, 13 and 14, which either depend from claim 1 or contain analogous features recited by claim 1, are patentable for at least the deficiencies of Shih and Kodaira submitted for claim 1 and the failure of Bryniarski to make up for the deficiencies of Shih and Kodaira.

Rejection of Claim 22 under § 103(a) over Shih and further in view of prior art

Claim 22, which depends from claim 1, is patentable for at least the reasons submitted for claim 1.

Rejection of Claims 16-18 and 23 under § 103(a) over Shih and further in view of Kodaira

Claims 16-18 and 23, which ultimately depend from one of base claims 1 and 11, are patentable for at least the reasons submitted for their respective base claims.

Similarly, claim 23 is additionally patentable for the reasons submitted for claim 1.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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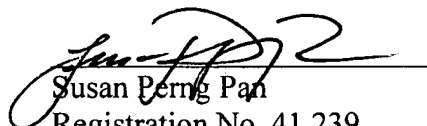
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